



#### eTteXBOX YOU READ THE LIVELIEST LETTERS IN VIZ



## Tellv Trouble

Whilst watching T.V. the other night my husband pointed out that the screen was blank.

Hardly surprising as we had forgotten to switch our television on. Luckily we both saw the funny side.

> Mrs. A. Dunn Colchester

You can keep your Burt Reynolds and your Roger Moores

With his bright outlook and sunny spells TV weatherman Michael Fish is just my cup of tea.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

> > Doneaster

Our old washing machine is on the verge of breaking down. Luckily we are planning to buy a new one shortly.

> Mrs. I. Carter Horesham

How I miss charming TV weatherman Jack Scott. My forecasts are always dull and overcast without him.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe Mrs L. Hammond

Suffolk

I still think the Royal Family are marvellous and that they do a wonderful job.

## Cinema Trouble

Recently a friend and I decided to visit our local cinema to view a film.

Imagine our surprise to find it had been turned into a supermarket 14 years ago.

J.B. Kirkham Louth, Lines.

\* Write and tell us your crazy cinema story. £5 for the best

Mornings wouldn't be the same without my bacon, eggs and scrumptious TV weatherman Francis Wilson.

He could forecast my periods any day.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

## Shopping Trouble

I dread taking my three year old son to the supermarket with me. He thinks he is helping by filling my trolley with everything he can lay his hands on. However, by the time I reach

the checkout I am often faced with a bill for over £300. Mrs L. Wagstaffe Rochester

Whenever I tune in I'm always turned on by lively TV weatherman Ian McCasgill.

His long range outlook and warm isobars are just what it takes to pressurise by overcast intervals.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

## Difficulty Trouble

I wonder if any of your readers have difficulty in remembering their addresses.

I find it always helps if I write mine on a small piece of paper and keep it handy whenever I leave the house.

> H. Lofthouse Somerset

Write to Britain's liveliest letters page at: Letterbox, Viz Comic, Viz House, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP, There's a prize for every letter we print, and a fiver for the liveliest letter received.



- In 1968 Mr K.M. Muir of Clacton, Essex grew a Strawberry weighing in at 6 oz.
- Ruhubarb has the lowest calorific value of all fruit, consisting of 94.9% water,
- There is a 10% loss of vitamin C in all cooked fruit. Blackcurrants contain a larger amount of vitamin C than lemons.
- Strawberries are an expensive fruit. Their price, which depends largely upon the time of year. can be as much as £1 per punnet.
- In Britain each person probably eats an average of around 172 oranges a year, a total value of £20.74 if they were 12p each.
- Citrus fruits include oranges and lemons whilst apples are a hard fruit. Rhubarb is a different kind of fruit.
- There is room for over 500 apples inside a mini car. In fact, there might even be room for
- If the Prime Minister was to spend her entire salary on fruit, she could probably buy sufficient grapefruit to fill Wembley Stadium.



Well Mrs Tomlin, that's really quite an easy one. All electricity is made up of positive and negative particles which are represented by plus (+) and minus (-) signs respectively. Your fridge (or refrigerator) is designed to keep things at a low temperature where as your oven is for cooking (the preparation of food by the action of heat).

For more information about electricity you can contact your local electricity board or any major branch of the post office.

Is there something baffling you? Write to us, and we'll answer, 'You Ask, We Answer', Viz Comic, Viz House, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP.

We have had an amazing response to our terrific Vicar Joke Competition in which we offered £1 to the sender of the funniest Vicar Joke Viz Comic, 16 Lily Crescent, we received.

VICAR JOKES

Entries are still flooding in and we have decided to extend the closing date for the competition. All entries should now be received by no later than 1st November 1988.

If you know a funny Vicar Joke, send it on a postcard to: Vicar Joke Competition,

Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP. The winner will be announced in our next issue, but to keep you going here are a sample of lokes we have received so far. What do you call a vicar on

a bike? A cyclist.

David Forster, Whickham,

THIS IS THE CONTINUING STORY OF A DISTRAUGHT WORLD, AN UNSUSPECTING WORLD THAT WAS ABOUT TO WITNESS

DAWN OF THE

RAIPH WATSON WAS A MILKMAN, HE ENJOYED HIS JOR. THIS PARTICULAR DAY WAS A SUMMER SATURDAY, RALPH WAS COLLECTING HIS WEEK'S TAKINGS IT WAS A VERY HOT DAY























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**EXCLUSIVE** 

I've always had a reputation as a bit of a hellraiser. But I can't complain. I'm a pretty wild bloke. In my time I've smashed up every bar and been thrown out of every posh hotel in the world at least three times.

I was thrown out of The Savoy in London once because I kept jumping out of my twelfth floor window and landing on my head in the car park. I was trying to smash a friend's car but in the event I came back with a bulldozer and flattened the hotel.

#### **VODKA**

I happen to enjoy drinking. I drank vodka standing on my head until I was about fourteen. Nowadays I prefer 75 pints of beer, down the hatch in one. And that's nothing. I often drink twice that much without needing the toilet.

#### SMASH

If I go out for a meal it's as if an earthquake has hit town. I usually smash the table with my girlfriend or use the chairs as a knife and fork. In one restaurant I ordered twelve colour televisions, chewed them up and spat them in the waiter's face.

#### GUMPTION

My crazy diet of electrical appliances and broken glass often leads to stomach trouble. I often have to pump it myself — with a gallon of liquid

Gumption and an industrial vacuum cleaner.

Adapted from his book

'I AM AN ATOM BOMB'

© Oliver Reid 1985

## <u>'l ate</u> <u>fourteen</u> dolphins'

I'm pretty well known for my crazy and dangerous pranks. A friend once bet me £500 that I wouldn't eat a live goldfish. I took him along to the zoo and ate 14 dolphins before I was sick. Afterwards I ate another six.

#### BLEW UP

On another occasion I drank ten pints of nitroglycerine and then locked myself in a friend's washing machine. When he switched it on I blew up,

destroying his entire house.

I'm also well known for going through doors without opening them. I had a 36 room mansion built for me in Hollywood without a single door in it. I prefer to make them myself by barging through the walls head first.

### DAMAGE

I always pay for any damage I cause — unless I don't particularly feel like it. Being a hell-raiser can turn out to be a pretty expensive business.

#### EXPANDS

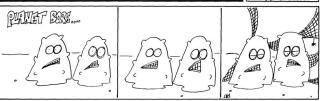
I normally get through at least a dozen shirts a week because my body expands to twice its normal size whenever I get angry. A bit like the Incredible Hulk actually. Many friends have taken to calling me 'the Wcrewolf' because I canchange so dramatically. Come to think of it my face does get quite hairy sometimes.

As a matter of fact there have been a few sheep found torn limb from limb in the fields near where I live. And I do get the odd bloodstain on my clothing when I wake up in the mornings.

Next week Ollie describes his X-ray vision and reveals that only kryptonite rays can kill

Oliver Reid is a gas fitter from Birmingham and in no way connected with Oliver Reed, the well known British film actor.









UNUSUAL ... I FIND THAT AFTER SITTING READING (FOR 7 HOURS IS MINUTES MY BODY IS EXPERIENCING A CRAVING SENSATION







hmm ... "CHIPS MUST BE FRIED IN A DEEP PAN OF VERY HOT OIL" I BELIEVE I HAVE SOMEOIL

















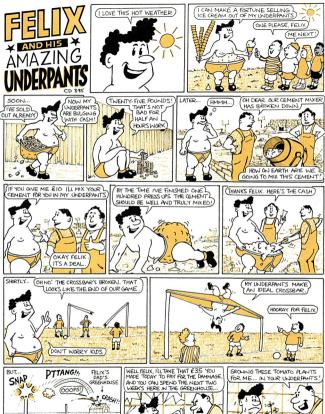


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ARE YOU BEING CHEEKY?

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE MADE SIMILAR ACCUSATIONS IN THE PAST ...





































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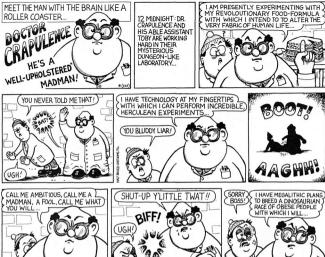
YOU HAVE ONE HOUR TO DEPOSIT TEN MILLION POUNDS IN MY NATIONAL GIROBANK ACCOUNT NO. XJ 507157...





WELL... MAYBE I'LL GIVE THEM ANOTHER TEN MINUTES...

NOT TO BE CONTINUED.











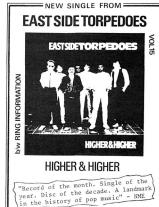
SORRY CHIEF!

PUT TEN-BOB IN THE METER WILL

WE USED THE LAST ONE BAKING THAT CHOCOLATE CAKE!

WHAT !?





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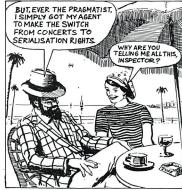
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# THE TORPEDOES - DIRECT HIT AT NO! WITH 'HIGHER & HIGHER

This issue's Top Ten is dominated by the Volume Record label who made a last minute block purchase of the entire chart. For a mere £10 they purchased all ten chart places and were then able to select the top ten records of their

If you're a recording artist, band or record label we're offering you a once in a lifetime opportunity to have your very own Christmas Hit! Yes, all ten places in our December Top Ten are up for grabs. There's no need to worry about airplay. sales or distribution. That elusive hit single could be yours this Christmas for the price of a pint of beer.

To make your record a Christmas hit simply complete the form below and send it together with a cheque (and a copy of the record if

possible) to: Christmas Hit Offer, Viz Top Ten, Viz Comic, Viz House, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP.

Obviously the more money you send the higher your single will climb. But don't worry. A mere £1 will almost guarantee you a Top Ten place. But hurry - all entries must be received by no later than 1st November.

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| =1                                    | THE EDGE<br>Take A Walk/Round, Round            |
| =1                                    | TOY DOLLS<br>James Bond (lives down our street) |
| 4                                     | HUSKER DU<br>Eight Miles High                   |
| 5                                     | MAE WEST<br>Great Balls Of Fire                 |
| 6                                     | THE CURE<br>Foxy Lady                           |
| 7                                     | PEGGY LEE<br>Fever                              |
| 8                                     | MARTHA & THE VANDELLAS<br>Dancing In The Street |
| 9                                     | VAN HALEN<br>You Really Got Me                  |
| 10                                    | MANDY MILLER<br>Nellie The Elephant             |

Name of artist. Title Label I/we enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_(payable to "Viz Comic")

I/We would like our single to appear in the Viz Top Ten chart.

#### KITCHENWARE PARTY Spent spent spent! Now IS OVER all that lolly's gone

Only a year ago North East based record label Kitchenware were celebrating a string of top 40 hits and LP successes. Names like Prefab Sprout and The Kane Gang were never far from the headlines. Record sales were soaring and the money was rolling in.

#### CRASH

But now Kitchenware are in trouble. The hits have run out and it seems that the extravagant spending of recent months has begun to take its toll.

In the same week that The Kane Gang announced they have no immediate plans to record, a second-hand shop only vards from Kitchenware's Newcastle offices was offered a variety of second-hand musical instruments for sale. SLUMP

And while Prefab Sprout's L.P. Steve McQueen' drifts aimlessly in the lower reaches of the album charts, sales of the record are definitely falling. In the hour we spent at a popular city centre record store not one copy of the L.P. was bought.

#### COLLAPSE

When we contacted Kitchenware for a comment their telephone was engaged. However a spokesman for the North East Electricity Board confirmed that several businesses in the Newcastle area were having difficulty paying their electricity accounts, although he would not confirm that Kitchenware were among them.



October 1982 - we reported on Kitchenware's phenomenal success.

## THE BEATLES ARE BACK!

## **`Fab Four' re-form**

## -new album due

Yes, it's true. Fifteen years after they split up pop legends The Beatles are set to reform. And work on a new album is already underway. Surviving members of the most

successful pop group in the history of the world have consistently denied rumours that the band had been planning a comeback. But it now seems certain that the best selling artists ever in the history of popular music will soon be back in business.

#### LIVERPOOL

The mastermind behind the move is Johnny Johnson, a Liverpool based plumber and life long fan of the fab four. He spoke to us from a recording studio in London where work has already begun on a new Beatles L.P.

"It just seemed right after all this time that the band should get together again", he told us. Obviously there were problems, and bearing in mind the sad 'It just seemed

right after all this time'

loss of John Lennon there was a need for a new guitarist and songwriter. The obvious choice was John's son Julian, but with him living in the States there was going to be transport problems. Luckily a friend of mine plays guitar so I asked him if he would do the job".



Unfortunately none of the remaining Beatles, Paul McCartney George Harrison and Ringo Starr were interested and so Johnson had to recruit a further three musicians before rehearsals could begin.

"I decided to do the singing myself so I really only needed another two", he explained.

#### LIVERPOOL

"I put an ad, in the Liverpool Echo and got fixed up with a drummer straight away. He knew a bass player who wasn't working so we signed him up and started rehearsing for the new L.P."

Although the album isn't due out until next year, recording and writing are already well under way.

is going to be new stuff, and I can already see a change in musical direction beginning to come through." Johnny told us. "The old stuff still stands the tests of time, but there's a lot of new ideas coming through and I think a few of our fans might be pleasantly surprised with the results."

"All the material on the album

#### STRAWRERRY

If you were too young to catch The Beatles first time round, you'll have a chance to see them on their comback tour which will be timed to coincide with the release of their new album. The L.P., which is due in the shops by mid-1986, is provisionally titled 'Strawberry Roads Tomorrow'.

## professor Piehead













LIBRARY

YES SIR!



I'VE LET OFF!





















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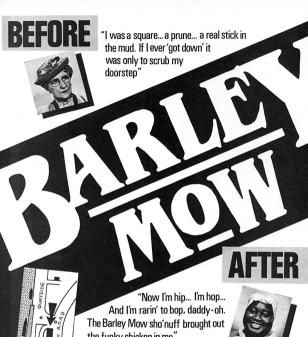












the funky chicken in me."

~Mrs B., Newcastle



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THE BARLEY MOW

OFF THE QUAYSIDE

NEWCASTLE

'TODAY THE OUAYSIDE TOMORROW THE WORLD'

# Can I have my missile back?

## -asks baffled Bob

Lorry driver Bob Tucker was today appealing to heartless thieves who made off with his missile launcher late yesterday evening. Bob. who is 27, parked

his 100 ton vehicle in a Berkshire lay-by while he went to buy cigarettes from a roadside garage. But seconds later he returned to find his missile launcher gone, and with it the £20 million Cruise missile he had been carrying.

#### <u>Gone</u>

"I'd just run out of cigarettes so I stopped and popped into the shop. I was only gone for a second", he explained.

## Theft Bob, who works for

the Ministry of Defence, fears that if he doesn't get the missile back, he may soon be looking for a new job. "I can't think what anyone would want with it", he told us today after reporting the theft to local police.

## <u>Police</u>

"It's so big and cumbersome. I doubt if it would be any use to anyone.

"Whoever it was, I just hope they have the decency to bring it back, or if not, to call the police and tell them where it is", he added.

• If anyone sees the missile launcher, which is large, green and carrying a live nuclear warhead, they should give Bob a ring on Greenham 257 or report it to their nearest police station.



## Wham! sizzlers

Dishy teen idol George Michael, star of pop group Wham! is a sausage freak!

Six footer George, currently on tour with partner Andrew Ridgely keeps a collection of over 5,000 sausages from all around the world at his London home.

And George never travels far without a sausage. On his present tour of the United States George has a plucy banger at hand at all times. For as well as instruments and stage gear, the band's road crew are also entrusted with six bin liners — containing George's personal sausage supply.







WELL I'M THE ROBOT DOG

CATCHER AND I'M TAKING













BORN HALF MAN, HALF FISH, UNITED'S BRILLIAN YOUNG KEEPER BILLY THOMSON HAD BEEN TAKEN PRISONER BY GUS PARKER, EVIL TEAM BOSS OF ARCH RIVALS GRIMTHORPE CITY... CD 8.85

FISH BOY' WONDER AND AMIDST UNUSUAL OCCURENCES AT FULCHESTER STADIUM A DISAPPOINTING UNITED SIDE HAD SLUMPED TO TWELVE NII. DOWN BY HALF. TIME IN THEIR ALL IMPORTANT CUP CLASH WITH MUCH FANCIED ROSSDALE ROVERS

WITHOUT THE MISSING

MEANWHILE AT THE GRIMTHOPPE TRAINING CAMP GUS PARKER HAS JUST LEARNT OF THOMSON'S DEATH LINDER HYPNOSIS



MEANWHILE AT FULCHESTER STADIUM



DON'T WORRY, I'D SUSPECTED THAT L THE HALF-TIME TEA WINDLD BE DRUGGED SO I HIRED A TEAM OF ACTORS TO IMPERSONATE FULCHESTER IN THE FIRST HALF



THE REAL FULCHESTER TEAM ARE IN HERE (WIDE AWAKE AND READY FOR THE SECOND HALF WE'VE STILL GOT EVERYTHING TO PLAY FOR IN THE SECOND PERIOD

THE FLY CHESTER I'VE TRIPPED

IS THE WORK OF GUS PARKER



THE 64 YEAR OLD VETERAN COMES HEY LOOK EVERYONE.

(HEY LOOK EVERYONE.)

(HEY LOOK EVERYONE.) BOOTS FOR THE FIRST HAHA! UNITED DESPERATE

IMMEDIATELY THE BLIND VETERAN IS IN THE ACTION

OLD FINDLAY

(BEAT 3 MEN!)

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GAME FI

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FINDLAY MUST HAVE 'BAT LIKE' VISION! OF HIS APPETITE FOR THE GAME

ONE MORE

IN THE FINAL MINUTE AS UNITED PUSH FORWARD FOUL!! PENALTY! YES! IT'S A Y SPOT KICK TO TUNITED

STOP THE GAME! I AM RUTHLESS MILLIONAIRE MAXWELL BAXTER. I HAVE JUST BOUGHT FULCHESTER STADIUM AND INTEND TO BUILD A SUPERMARKET, DEMOLITION WILL



IS BILLY THE FISH REALLY DEAD? CAN BLIND REX FINDLAY COMPLETE HIS QUADRUPLE HATRICK AND SAVE THE GAME

FOR UNITED? OR WILL RUTHLESS MAXWELL BAXTER DEMOLISH THE STADIUM, AND WITH IT THE CLUB? SEE NEXT ISSUE



# VIZ IS TOPS SAYS BOB And not long after Bob had placed a regular order for placed a regular order for yiz, his 5 year old arten?

Two months ago life was looking pretty grim for unemployed car mechanic Bob Jones, 45.

#### FUN

That was until Bob, 46, happened to buy a copy of Viz Comic after newsagent Terry Jackson had recommended it. Terry told Bob that Viz was a winnerand fun for the whole family.

#### JOB

Bob took the comic home, and the next day, he got a job.

#### PRETTY

Bob's pretty wife wouldn't miss Viz for the earth. She told us how after she had read a copy she regained her eyesight which she had lost in a car crash years ago.

Fulchester Echo 2 June 83

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placed a regular order for Viz, his 5 year old crippled nephew, who specialists had given only seconds to live, was miraculously cured, and won the pools the next day.

## **FORTUNE**

And while Bob and family were celebrating, they heard that a distant aunt had died, leaving them a fortune. On hearing the good news, Bob's wife, Carol, 42, who had been sterile since her car crash, gave birth to triplets. Yesterday Bob told us that Carol and the kids were all doing well, and looking forward to cashing their £500,000 premium bonds jackpot which had arrived that morning.

## WINNER

So if you're looking for a little sunshine in your life, buy Viz! It's a winner!!

A final word from Bob -"I would recommend viz to anyone - it's a real fun value winner - for all the family"

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